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BIG CORPORATIONS
EXEMPT FROM TAXES

A letter from the attorney-general informs the *Record* that although the Armour car line makes hundreds of dollars out of the State annually, no taxes of any description, not even a license tax, is paid. Now this is a pretty "how-de-do." No wonder the people are sore and complain of unjust and discriminating taxation in favor of corporations. What God-given right has Armour & Co. over the average citizen that entitles them to do business in Florida and reap enormous profits annually, without giving one cent in return to assist in bearing the burdens of maintenance and administration? Their car line receives all the benefits and gives nothing in return. Is this just? Is it right? The humblest citizen is taxed on everything he has, and if he fails to pay his property is sold. Yet Armour & Co., with their millions, pay not a cent, but levy heavy and exorbitant toll from each citizen who ships by their car line.

This condition of affairs is nothing short of a damnable outrage, and if Park Trammel, attorney-general, accomplishes nothing more during his term of office than being instrumental in making Armour & Co. pay their just proportion of taxes, he will be entitled to the gratitude of the whole people.—*Manatee Record*.

CAMP CASSADAGA.

Almost everywhere one turns we find evidence of kind thoughtfulness. Our platform needed a new rug and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Slater placed a fine Axminster there as a gift. Mrs. Cooper, of Philadelphia, after a short stay, placed a bill in the hands of the president to help along. Some who have never felt to attend the different functions for which admission is charged have handed sums of money to the president of the Ladies Auxiliary as a lift to the work. There are people here who belong to other churches who aid in our entertainments and show a kindly interest all around.

A good audience was present at the conference on Monday afternoon and the trend of thought expressed was upon "Individual responsibility." It was announced that the same subject would be taken up on Friday afternoon.

On Tuesday, February 16, Mr. Oscar A. Edgerly was the speaker. Subject, "The Spirit World the Instigator of the Present Progress of Humanity." The lecture was a comprehensive and instructive argument in support of the supposition that the leaders of humanity in all walks of life are guided and inspired by heavenly intelligences, who are in reality the administrators of divine providence.

Quite a number of friends were invited to spend the evening with Dr. and Mrs. Hilligoss on Tuesday evening. It was the seventh anniversary of their marriage.

Wednesday evening there was the usual entertainment. The chairman of the entertainment committee being too ill to perfect the arrangements for that evening, Mr. Julius Johns, one of our reliable helpers, summoned to his aid several friends and placed some fine numbers upon the program, notably, "The Book Agent." Mr. Johns is a fine violinist and proficient in the use of other musical instruments. The ladies are indebted to Mr. Johns for coming to our aid upon short notice, as his evening was to come later.

Mrs. D. A. Morrell was the speaker on Thursday afternoon. Her discourse was a comprehensive review of the general philosophy of occultism, replete with practical lessons for her listeners. The messages which followed were enthusiastically received and highly appreciated.

On Thursday evening the annual masquerade dance took place in the beautiful and commodious camp pavilion. There were over 200 people in attendance. Costumes were exceptionally good, most of them being original and unique, and would have done justice to a far more pretentious occasion. Guests were present from DeLand, Lake Helen and Orange City.

On Friday afternoon the regular conference was held, the subject under consideration being "Individual Responsibility." Several well known speakers took part, much to the edification of those present. Directly after the conference the Ladies Auxiliary served a New England supper in the pavilion, which was partaken of and highly enjoyed by over 100 people.

Saturday, February 20, Mr. J. Clegg Wright was the speaker. As is usual with him, his discourse was a profound and eloquent analysis of the more suitable phase of our philosophy.

Mrs. D. A. Morrill was the speaker on Sunday morning; subject: "The New Order, a Move Toward a Higher Civilization." Her discourse did ample justice to her significant text, a valuable lesson to her interested listeners.

At 2:30 Rev. Oscar A. Edgerly was the speaker; subject: "Mediumship." The lecture consisted of an eminently practical analysis of the various phases of mediumship and elicited from the large audience present many warm expressions of commendation. The lecture was followed by Mrs. Morrill, who gave many clear and satisfactory messages.

The speaker of the evening was the writer, who bared her remarks on the following lines from Tennyson:

"How pure in heart and sound in head,
With what divine affections bold,
Should be the man whose thoughts would hold,
An hour's communion with the dead."

At the conclusion of the lecture, many most accurate messages were given by Mrs. Clark Kelsey, which were eminently satisfactory to her hearers.

Fredrick Sheels and Mrs. Hannah Steele surprised their many friends by returning short from a visit to New Smyrna as husband and wife. Congratulations are in order.

A telegram informs us that Dr. H. H. Brigham, of Fitchburg, Mass., passed away on the 20th. Dr. Brigham was at one time, president of our camp. He was always kind and considerate in rendering pecuniary aid when needed. His many friends feel to congratulate him on his release at the ripe age of 89, and extend sympathy to all who mourn his loss.

President Hilligoss is always alive to the needs of the camp. He is placing twenty-four live oaks in the parks, while Trustee Slater and sons are laying a brick walk from Marion street to the auditorium building. The Slaters have, it is estimated by those who know, contributed more than one hundred days' work upon the water plant and grounds.

F. G. Kizer is spending a few weeks at the cottage of Mrs. Lowber.

Will Whittaker, F. G. Kiser, Mrs. Eva Bach and Miss Mary Buzzell took a four-mile tramp to Deep Creek on Monday.

Late arrivals at the Cassadaga are Carl I. Ford and wife, Central Valley, N. Y.; R. B. VanBrunt, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Frank, Mrs. F. E. Davis and Mr. L. W. Brown, all of Corry, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. George H. Sheets, Grand Ledge, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs.

THE SCHOOL CONFAB
CORNER.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS AND COMPARISONS FROM THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S BIENNIAL REPORT.

Statistics are misleading unless they are carefully considered. Some times it is desirable to rank as near the first as possible, and sometimes as near the last. Although there is room for much improvement, we have reason to feel proud of our rank and standing, as a county.

Last year, there were 134,722 pupils enrolled in the schools of Florida—83,910 white and 50,812 negro. Of these, Volusia county enrolled 2,918—1,805 white and 1,113 colored.

Among the counties of the State, Volusia county ranks nineteenth in the number of pupils enrolled, thirteenth in the number of teachers employed, and twenty-second in the number of schools maintained. This means that we are far above the average in the number of graded schools maintained, and in the number of teachers employed, in proportion to the pupils enrolled. Good!

While we are nineteenth in the number of pupils enrolled, we are eleventh in the number of pupils above the seventh grade. This shows that we are, in a measure, successful in holding our pupils through the higher grades.

We are thirteenth in the number of teachers employed, but third in the number holding first grade certificates, second in the number of graduates of normal schools, and fourth in the average experience of our teachers. Excellent.

There are twenty-four counties that make a higher assessment for school purposes than we do, yet Volusia county ranks seventh in the aggregate paid for teachers' salaries, eighth in the average monthly salary, and ninth in the total expenditure for school purposes. We are seventh in the amount of taxes collected, but

W. S. Olds and Miss Etta Olds, of Lansing, Mich.; T. W. Gronnerdyke New Castle, Ind.

On Monday, February 22, we were favored with a special service, Hon. A. B. French, of Ohio, being in attendance at our camp, he kindly consented to occupy the hour usually devoted to the conference.

Our people have reason to feel thankful to the management for thus inviting Mr. French to speak, and very grateful to the speaker for his eloquent tribute to the cause that our association represents. Mr. French, being one of the pioneers workers in Spiritualism, has had experience in all its vicissitudes as well as its triumphs and so could speak as "one possessed of understanding." Mr. French's fame as a great orator was well exemplified in the wonderful power with which he swayed his audience; pathos, wit, and the most beautiful diction characterized his speech.

When we write about work in the bricklaying line the writer would say that Charles Coolidge, the secretary, a retired farmer whose home is at that far-famed place, Clifton Springs, New York, has been untiring in his work of assisting and leading in the work of the sidewalks. He laid the first strip in Orangelane, and worked on the streets until his sore hands protested.

David Sherman, of North Collins, N. Y., did the same, and one of the most unique sights has been H. F. Hart, of Rochester, N. Y., over six feet in height and over 80 years old, sitting upon a box and carefully laying brick. Others have also done valiant work in that and other departments that deserve mention if their names would come to mind.

twelfth in the administration expenses.

Last year we were second in the amount expended for school supplies, and second in the average length of the school term, yet first in the net cash balance at the end of the year.

While Volusia county ranks nineteenth in the number of pupils enrolled, it ranks thirteenth in the value of apparatus and furniture, and seventh in the total value of school property.

Although we rank twenty-second in the number of schools maintained, we rank eighth in the number of visits to the schools, paid by the superintendent, and thirty-eighth in the per cent. that the superintendent's salary and traveling expenses are of the total teachers' salaries of the county.

We have twenty special tax districts in this county. There are eight counties that are ahead of us in this respect, but eleven counties have none at all.

"AS IS THE TEACHER SO IS THE SCHOOL."

There should be no place in our schools for ignorant and uncultured teachers. And anyone who helps or encourages poorly equipped persons to enter the profession, is a menace to the highest interest of the children. Our children are entitled to the very best. Their ideals and inspiration are largely derived from the teacher, hence the teacher should be cultured and refined and should have an enlarged view of life. Children learn more from the personality of the teacher than from all their text-books, and it is a crime to place an uncouth, uncultured, "two by four" teacher as the inspiring genius of the school. Give the boys and girls a fair deal!

No teacher can impart all he knows, and it is the amount of reserve power back of it that gives force and effectiveness to the school work. It is exasperating to see teachers stumbling along on the ragged edge of all they know. The children get no working knowledge of what they go over, because the teacher's understanding of the subject is so fragmentary that he does not have a comprehensive grasp of its unity and utility. So much of our teaching is "scrappy."

Power is developed by use, or exercise, and in no other way. And the great crying need of the present time is that our boys and girls learn to use their knowledge and so develop mental power—the power of independent thinking and the power of initiative.

We do not so much need to know more, as we do to know better how to use what we already know. The great man is not the one who knows the most, but the one who has learned how to use his knowledge in ways that others have not thought of.

for removal near the railroad, where Mr. Musselwhite intends building new quarters for his turpentine distillery hands.

STETSON TRUSTEES

IN ANNUAL SESSION

The annual meeting of the trustees of John B. Stetson University was held Thursday, with almost a full board present. The usual business was transacted, and John B. Stetson, Jr., of Philadelphia, was re-elected president for the ensuing year. H. B. Stevens was elected vice-president, vice Rev. J. E. Oates, who leaves shortly for England. Silas B. Wright and Dr. Lincoln Hulley were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively. The members of the administration committee for the coming year are as follows: S. V. Hough, S. A. Wood, Hon. Silas B. Wright, H. B. Stevens of DeLand, and E. O. Painter, of Jacksonville.

The trustees present, besides those mentioned above, were, J. B. Conrad, Frank J. Longdon, W. H. Stewart and J. E. Oates, of DeLand, and Rev. A. O. Rosselle and A. L. Freeman, of Philadelphia, the two last named being the newly-elected members, who fill the vacancies caused by the death of Hon. H. A. DeLand and J. T. Clake.

A special Committee, consisting of Trustees Hulley, Freeman and R. W. Allen, were appointed to raise a special endowment of \$250,000 during the coming year. It is understood that almost all of this amount has been promised.

OSTEEN

Mrs. L. Harris has rented a house in Sanford for the remainder of term, to place her son and daughter in the high school there.

Mr. E. B. Barry entertained a few friends at an oyster supper Tuesday evening at the "Pattillo House." Mrs. Edwin Pattillo acting as hostess on the occasion. There were present, outside the family: Mrs. Blauvelt, Miss Mercedes Keown, and Mr. Barry, the host. After the stew, fish was served—the donation of a large spotted bass by Mr. Chas. Kingman, P. C. on this branch. The fish and oysters were from Indian River at Titusville. We are sure this little social feast was thoroughly enjoyed by all partakers, and will not be forgotten.

Although breezy March is several days distant, these are warmer, windy spring days. Most of the crops are sown, and leaves and blossoms bravely out in the sunshine. Peaches and oranges vie with each other in fragrance.

Mr. E. B. Barry made a flying trip to Camp Cassadaga Wednesday.

A large party came over from Sanford Sunday afternoon in a motor-car and a buggy, consisting of Drs. Neal and Howard, Miss Morrison and several other ladies, Rev. C. L. Pattillo left for his home in Atlanta the past week.

Mr. Lang, of Genoa, is now occupying the Monroe cottage with his family.

The Batton house opposite the M. E. church is being taken down

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